

# United States Senate

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Ms. Bridget Bean  
Assistant Administrator for Grant Programs  
Grant Programs Directorate  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security / FEMA  
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Dear Ms. Bean,

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the FY19 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) application submitted by the Citizens' Ambulance Service.

Citizens' Ambulance Service, Inc. (Citizens') is a not-for-profit corporation that provides Emergency and Non-Emergency medical services to over 95,000 people. Citizens' expansive rural service area, covering over 1,000 square miles, includes 19 boroughs and 31 townships across 4 counties in southwestern Pennsylvania. To provide services to these communities, Citizens' contracts with ASMC, which employs over 60 full time and 100 part time employees. Citizens' works closely with three (3) county 911 communications centers, as well as an internal dispatch center to respond to over 14,000 calls and 11,000 transports annually. Citizens' fleet includes 16 Advanced Life Support (ALS) capable ambulances, 9 transport vans, 3 ALS capable response vehicles, and a fire rehabilitation trailer and response vehicle to assist local fire personnel during active fire events.

It is my understanding that Citizens' would like to purchase two new ambulances to replenish its aging fleet; the last new ambulance purchase was 2015. Stretcher load systems will be compliant with Federal Specification for Star-of-Life Ambulances (KKK-A-1822) regarding cot fastening systems.

I respectfully ask that you give the Citizens' Ambulance Service's application all due consideration, and I thank you for your attention to this request. Please direct your acknowledgement to my Grants Coordinator, Alex Byrne, via email at [Alexandra\\_Byrne@toomey.senate.gov](mailto:Alexandra_Byrne@toomey.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



Pat Toomey  
U.S. Senator